

House Resolution No. 4602

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Gertrude Downing of Moberly, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday with a special family dinner on September 13, 2003, at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Adrain and Shirley Downing of Moberly; and

Whereas, on September 13, 1913, God brought a special gift to Virgil and Eula Woods with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Gertrude, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Gertrude Downing will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life, such as her marriage to Herman C. Downing (deceased) and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, Gertrude Downing has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include four children and their spouses, Adrain and Shirley Downing and Glenn and Velma Downing of Moberly, Maxine and Bob Riley of Paris, and Dorothy Cooley of Moberly; seven grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Gertrude Downing further distinguished herself by making beautiful quilts; and

Whereas, at the respectful age of 90, Gertrude Downing is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Gertrude Downing at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri nonagenarian Gertrude Downing, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Therese Sander
District No. 22

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4602, adopted November 6, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker